

Cantai Playback Template for Dorico

What's included

- This very important read me file
- **Auto & Cantai.dorico_pt** – the playback template.

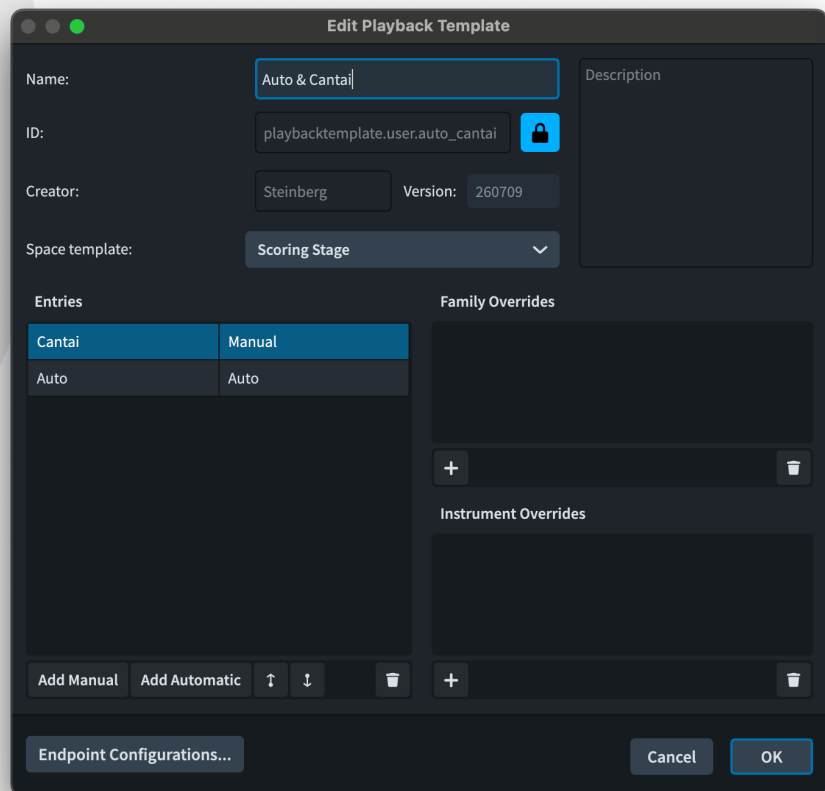
You need to have already installed Dorico 6.2.30 (or later) and Cantai 3.0.0 (or later)

Playback Template

The playback template is called **Auto & Cantai.dorico_pt** as it uses the Dorico Auto template as the base, and adds the endpoint to load Cantai for all singers.

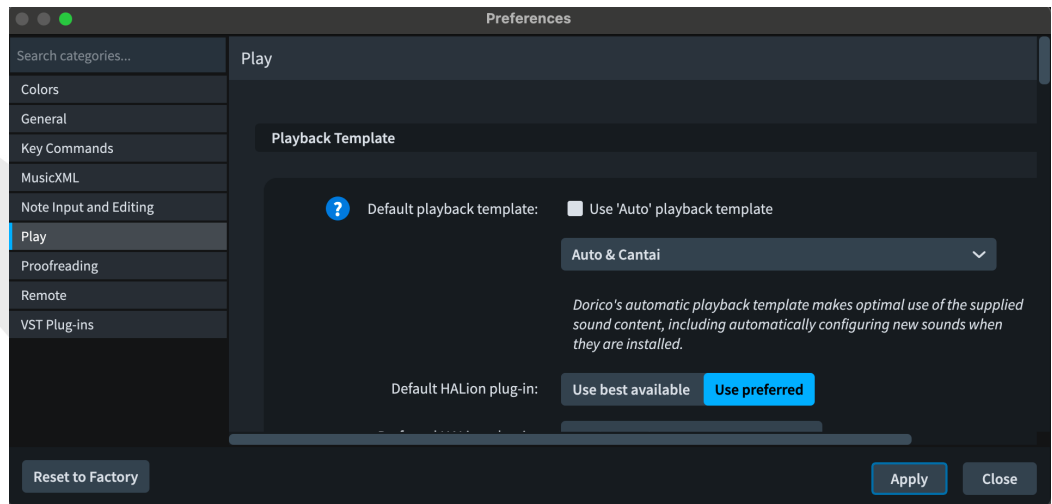
First, import the playback template by dragging and dropping the file on to the Dorico hub. Alternatively, open any Dorico project and from the menu choose **Play > Playback Template...** and then click on the **Import...** button.

The template uses the **Scoring Stage** Space template for reverb by default. If you want to use a different Space template by default, choose another option while editing the playback template.



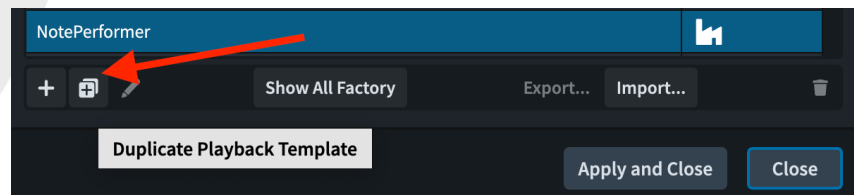
To use the template in any open project, press **Apply and Close**. All the singers will then load using Cantai, and the other instruments use the Dorico default sounds.

To set this as your default Playback Template, on Windows go to **Edit > Preferences** (on Mac in **Dorico > Preferences**) and in the **Play** section for the **Default playback template** untick the **use 'Auto'** option and choose **Auto & Cantai** instead.

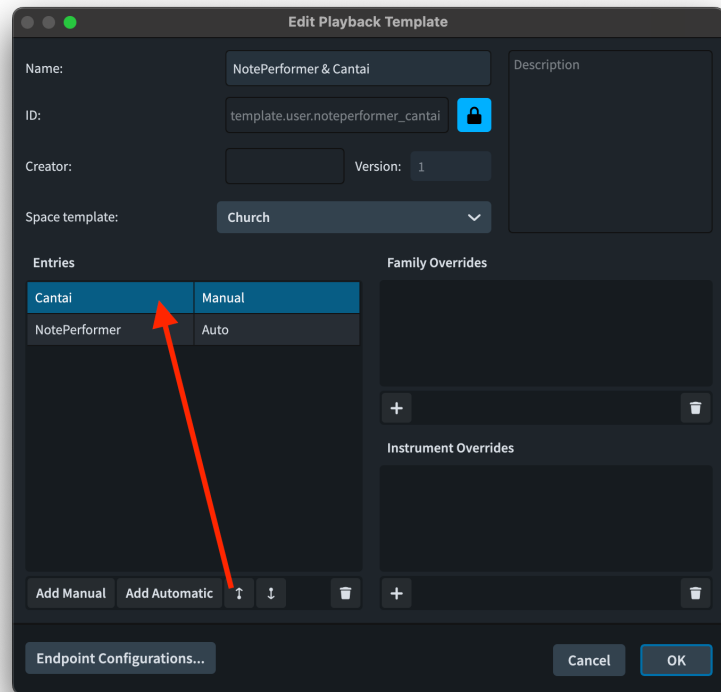


Adding Cantai to another template

If you want to use Cantai with another library that you own and have already installed, such as NotePerformer, in **Play > Playback Templates** choose the NotePerformer template and in the bottom left corner press the **Duplicate Playback Template** button



- Edit the Name field to give your template a new name e.g. **NotePerformer & Cantai**
- In the entries section at the bottom left, click on the **Add Manual** button and add **Cantai**.
- Select **Cantai** in the list and use the **up arrow button** to move it above **NotePerformer** in the list.



Press **Ok** and your new template has been created.

To use the template in any open project, press **Apply and Close**. All the singers will then load using Cantai, and the other instruments using the other Entries you have in your playback template – in this case NotePerformer.

To set this as your default Playback Template, on Windows go to **Edit > Preferences** (on Mac in **Dorico > Preferences**) and in the **Play** section for the **Default playback template** untick the **use 'Auto'** option and choose your new template instead.

Issues or Errors

If you find any issues with the Dorico template or playback template or would like to suggest changes or tweaks to it, please email discoverdorico@steinberg.de

Changes

2026-07-09

Added the Dorico default Auto sounds to the Cantai template.

Changed all singers to use the Ottetto voices by default as per this list.

Dorico Instrument Name	Instrument Type	Cantai default voice
Alto	single	Kim
Baritone	single	Patrick
Bass	single	Patrick
		Ottetto: Full
Choir (reduction) - grand staff	single	Ensemble
Contralto	single	Leah
Countertenor	single	Rachel
Lead (generic)	single	Maxwell
Mezzo-soprano	single	Maria
Soprano	single	Kim
Tenor	single	Maxwell
Treble	single	Kim
Voice (generic)	single	Maxwell
Alto	section	Ottetto: Altos
Baritone	section	Ottetto: Basses
Bass	section	Ottetto: Basses
		Ottetto: Full
Choir (reduction) - grand staff	section	Ensemble
Contralto	section	Ottetto: Altos
Countertenor	section	Ottetto: Altos
Lead (generic)	section	Ottetto: Tenors
Mezzo-soprano	section	Ottetto: Sopranos
Soprano	section	Ottetto: Sopranos
Tenor	section	Ottetto: Tenors
Treble	section	Ottetto: Sopranos
		Ottetto: Full
Voice (generic)	section	Ensemble